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1. AVIATION WEEK ARTICLE OF OCTOBER 1 RE YAK-40 MISLEADING.

2. YOU MAY WISH TO ADVISE SGAC ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES AS TO FAA POSITION RELATIVE CERTIFICATION OF SOVIET YAK-40: FAA UNABLE TO CONSIDER ISSUANCE OF TYPE CERTIFICATE FOR YAK-40 WITHOUT A US/USSR BILATERAL AIRWORTHINESS AGREEMENT. (STATUS OF QUESTION OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT REMAINS SAME AS GIVEN PAR. 1, 2 REF B). IN CONSIDERING TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY OF BILATERAL AIRWORTHINESS AGREEMENT THE FAA WOULD HAVE TO DETERMINE IF USSR QUALIFIED TECHNICALLY AND FROM A REGULATORY STANDPOINT. FAA WOULD HAVE TO ASSURE,
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AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THERE WAS AN INDEPENDENT USSR

AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITY OR EQUIVALENT CHARGED WITH AND CAPABLE OF, ADMINISTERING SATISFACTORY AERONAUTICAL CODE TO ACCEPTABLE STANDARDS AND THAT MANUFACTURING TECHNIQUES AND QUALITY CONTROL PROCEDURES CONFORM TO LIKE STANDARDS. BECAUSE OF DIFFERENCES IN AIRWORTHINESS ORGANIZATIONS AND CODES, US CERTIFICATION OF YAK-40 WOULD AT BEST BE A RELATIVELY LENGTHY PROCESS EVEN WITH THE FULL COOPERATION OF BOTH SIDES. NEITHER FAA BRUSSELS NOR FAA WASHINGTON HAVE BEEN APPROACHED BY THE USSR RE YAK-40 CERTIFICATION.

ONLY FAA BRUSSELS ACTION TO DATE, NOTWITHSTANDING AVIATION WEEK ARTICLE, WAS ADVICE TO ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL OFFICIALS THAT FAA WOULD OUTLINE CERTIFICATION PROCEDURE, BUT ONLY IF AND WHEN USG DECISION MADE TO NEGOTIATE BILATERAL AIRWORTHINESS AGREEMENT.

3. FYI: FAA UNDERSTANDS THAT THE UK CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY IS SENDING A TEAM TO THE USSR IN NOVEMBER IN CONNECTION WITH CERTIFICATION OF THE YAK-40. END FYI. RUSH

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